

FIRE INVESTIGATOR

Massachusetts Public Safety Fire Investigator Certification Coalition

The Massachusetts Public Safety Fire Investigator Certification Coalition (MPSFICC) is duly authorized by the Secretary of Public Safety as a cooperative entity comprised of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, and the Massachusetts State Police. The purpose of the Coalition is to provide a comprehensive Fire Investigator certification program to eligible individuals of the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has been designated as the entity to administer this program.

Individuals eligible to become certified by the Coalition are as follows:

1. A person who is a member of one or more of the following:
 - a. A federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement department or fire department in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, compensated or uncompensated.
 - b. A non-municipal organization whose sole function is to provide a full range of services equivalent to a municipal fire department to a municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, compensated or uncompensated.
 - c. Full-time employees of the...
Massachusetts Department of Fire Services
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management
Massachusetts Port Authority
University of Massachusetts
 - d. Full-time, civilian (non-military) members of military police or fire departments on installations, which are located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. And who are appointed/sworn and who are assigned to participate in fire investigations in the Commonwealth.

Private fire investigators are not eligible for certification under this system operated by the Coalition.

Private Fire Investigator shall mean:

A person who is an employee of a private for profit corporation which provides firefighting services under contract to a city/town required to be certified pursuant to MGL c. 48S.44A

In order to become certified as a Fire Investigator by the Coalition, eligible candidates must fulfill the requirements as follows.

- 1- Submit a completed application.
- 2- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).
- 4- Submit documentation of at least one hundred (100) hours of fire investigation training.
- 5- Submit documentation of participation in the investigation of at least fifty (50) separate fires.
- 6- Submit documentation that they are currently assigned to the position of Fire Investigator and have held such position for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the candidate's application date.
- 7- Submit documentation attesting to the candidate's good moral character.
- 8- Obtain a passing grade on the Fire Investigator Certification written examination.
- 9- Submit a certification fee as established by the Coalition (\$30.00).

In order to maintain this certification, the Coalition has instituted recertification requirements similar to those for initial certification. Once certified, certification will be valid for five (5) years.

The Massachusetts Fire Training Council utilizes the Coalition's Fire Investigator certification program to certify the fire service of the Commonwealth.